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SUBJECT: CRANSTON AMENDMENT ON US FORCES IN KOREA

1. FOLLOWING FOR EMBASSY INFORMATION IS TEXT OF PROPOSED CRANSTON AMENDMENT REGARDING WITHDRAWAL OF US ARMED FORCES FROM KOREA. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT AMENDMENT MAY BE CONSIDERED BY SFRC AT THE END OF NEXT WEEK.

2. QUOTE MODERNIZATION OF SOUTH KOREAN ARMED FORCES; WITHDRAWAL OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES FROM SOUTH KOREA

SEC. CHAPTER 3 OF PART III OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961, AS AMENDED, IS FURTHER AMENDED BY ADDING AT THE END THEREOF THE FOLLOWING NEW SECTION:

SEC. MODERNIZATION OF SOUTH KOREAN ARMED FORCES; WITHDRAWAL OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES FROM SOUTH KOREA.

-- (A) SUBJECT TO ANNUAL REVIEW, IT SHALL BE THE POLICY OF THE CONGRESS THAT, IN VIEW OF THE PLANNED COMPLETION OF THE UNITED STATES PROGRAM FOR MODERNIZATION OF THE ARMED FORCES OF SOUTH KOREA BY SEPTEMBER 30, 1977, AND
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THE PLANNED COMPLETION OF SOUTH KOREA'S FORCE IMPROVE-

MENT PROGRAM BY JANUARY 1, 1981, WITH THE EVENTUAL

RESULT THAT SOUTH KOREA WILL THEREBY HAVE ACHIEVED THE MILITARY CAPACITY TO DEFEND ITSELF AGAINST AN ATTACK BY NORTH KOREA, NO FUNDS AUTHORIZED TO BE APPROPRIATED UNDER ANY LAW SHALL BE USED TO SUPPORT ANY MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES (OTHER THAN THE NORMAL COMPLEMENT OF MILITARY ATTACHES) ASSIGNED TO DUTY IN SOUTH KOREA ON AND AFTER SAID DATE OF JANUARY 1, 1981.

(B) (1) NOT LATER THAN SIX MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF ENACTMENT OF THIS SECTION, THE PRESIDENT SHALL TRANSMIT TO THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE COMMITTEES ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND ARMED SERVICES OF THE SENATE A PLAN TO --

(A) CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION; AND

(B) ASSIST SOUTH KOREA, THROUGH THE COMPLETION OF EXISTING PROGRAMS, IN MODERNIZING ITS ARMED FORCES SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE GRADUAL BUT EVENTUAL WITHDRAWAL OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

(2) AT YEARLY INTERVALS AFTER THE TRANSMISSION OF SUCH PLAN UNTIL JANUARY 1, 1981, THE PRESIDENT SHALL TRANSMIT TO THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUCH COMMITTEES A REPORT DESCRIBING THE STEPS HE HAS TAKEN TO CARRY OUT SUCH PLAN.

(3) IN THE EVENT THAT THE PLAN REQUIRED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS NOT TRANSMITTED IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH, NO SECURITY ASSISTANCE SHALL BE DELIVERED TO SOUTH KOREA EXCEPT AS MAY BE SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED BY LAW UNLESS AND UNTIL SUCH PLAN IS TRANSMITTED. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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